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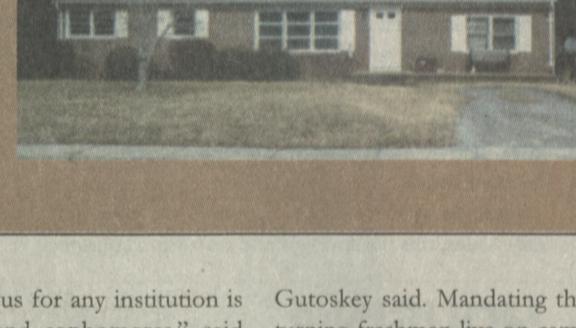
INCOMING FRESHMEN REQUIRED TO LIVE ON CAMPUS FOR FIRST TWO YEARS



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Linsey Swink graphic

BY SARAH KRAUSS
News Editor

The incoming class of 2017 will be required to live on campus for their freshmen and sophomore years at Salisbury University in an attempt to increase academic success and encourage a higher four-year graduation rate.

"The focus for any institution is freshmen and sophomores," said Dave Gutoskey, SU housing and residence life director. "Students will focus more with more resources at their fingertips."

Ninety-three to 94 percent of freshmen already live on campus, with the exception of commuter and non-traditional students,

Gutoskey said. Mandating that returning freshmen live on campus a second year makes academic success a higher probability.

"If you are a sophomore who lives off campus on a rainy day when you have to find parking for one class, you are more likely to skip,"

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The Irish invade SU with pub

BY BRIANA BISHOP
Staff Writer

Known for their Celtic specialties, The Irish Penny offers American comfort food with an Irish twist.

The owner's goal was to offer an atmosphere that catered to the entire community. Located across West College Avenue from Salisbury University in the Clairmont Shopping Center, owners Scott Urban and Jeff Trivits say they don't want to be by the franchises up north; having the SU campus in walking distance was part of the plan.

"We've had a pretty good turnout so far," Urban said. "We wanted to provide an atmosphere that catered to a lunch and dinner crowd, but also brought in the later pub crowd, being the college students and other young adults."

Urban is a SU Alumnus with a degree in business. His siblings attend SU, and he said he hopes that the students and faculty of SU will keep coming in.

Vice President Dane Foust of Student Affairs said he hopes that having The Irish Penny across from campus will not affect the students negatively. He said he feels that it all depends on the way it's promoted: as a food place or a late night pub.

"I think it all comes down to the way they manage it," Foust said. "They have a responsibility to provide a place that is safe and enjoyable at the same time. I have been there to eat since they opened, and from my perspective, I think it's going to be more of a restaurant atmosphere."

The menu has an early happy hour from 3 to 6 p.m. Specials include \$1-off craft beer drafts, house wines and \$2 Bud Light and Miller Lite drafts. The food has an Eastern Shore twist, and the Shepherd's pie is becoming a known specialty. The staff said the half-pound burgers and pub sandwiches are other popular items.

The restaurant has a Facebook page, listing daily specials and upcoming events. Many followers shared their first time visits there, with plans to go back.

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The Irish Penny

Pub & Grill



Briana Bishop photo
Customers at The Irish Penny enjoy "American comfort food with an Irish twist."

Sea Gull Century volunteers win awards

BY JUSTIN MCCLURE
Staff Writer

Every year, bikers from across the nation flock to Maryland's eastern shore to participate in the annual Sea Gull Century bike ride in an effort to raise money for various charities, organizations and scholarships.

Eleven Salisbury University students were awarded the 2013 Sea Gull Century scholarship for their commitment and service in the event. The recipients include sophomores Kathryn Anderson, Blake Bussard, Nicole Frushour, and Rizia Sultana, juniors, Aaron Curry, Kristen Russo, and Kelsey Scanlan, and seniors, Caroline Hayden, Corey Salemi, Anna Steinman and Zachary Thomas.

"Any student can be involved with

Sea Gull Century," Sea Gull Century representative Courtney Chrismann said. "Mostly clubs on campus are what we reach out for, such as the exercise science club, HYPE, nursing student association or the baseball team."

Junior Kristen Russo first heard about the race through her exercise science club her freshman year.

"I loved volunteering so much that I keep coming back to the work the race," Russo said.

There are many jobs students take in to ensure the race runs smoothly and efficiently. From staying at a rest stop and providing water and Gatorade for the bikers to directing cyclists where to go on the route, the opportunities are endless for volunteers.

Recipient Aaron Curry said he enjoys volunteering for the event.

"It was really nice to see the sense of community that everyone seemed to have," he said. "It was also amazing to see how kind words can encourage people to keep going."

Many of the volunteers have said the most rewarding part of volunteering are the connections the participants make with other SU students, bikers and community members.

"Obviously doing volunteer work always feeds the soul," junior Kelsey Scanlan said. "The vendors, sponsors and their families are genuinely grateful for all of the help."

Russo agreed with Scanlan's perspective of communal interaction.

"I feel like I gained a greater connection with both the university and

community; I met more students and people from all over the country who are passionate about sports and physical fitness," Russo said.

The commitment the volunteers demonstrated made them eligible to apply for the 2013 Sea Gull Century scholarship, in which an essay was required to be written and reviewed by the Sea Gull Century Scholarship Committee.

"After reading the scholarship essays students submit from participating in the event you hear these great stories of things that took place throughout the day," Chrismann said.

Scholarships are given through the SU Foundation, Inc., and range from \$250 to \$1,000. Students are also required to have a minimum 3.0 grade point average.

Students, faculty reflect on need for Black History Month

BY COREY NETHEN
Staff Writer

America has long been labeled as a "melting pot" society: an array of different cultures, religions and races unified as one whole country. Despite this homogenous concept, the history of one particular race is observed for an entire month.

Black History Month is celebrated to gain an understanding of the accomplishments and achievements made by significant African Americans. The Civil Rights Act was passed 49 years ago, but many argue that racism is still a prevalent issue in today's society.

Dr. James King of the English department said that the time has not yet arrived where all races can function at an even level. He serves on the Black History Month committee at SU and schedules events regarding the anniversary of NAACP and the 1963 March on Washington.

"When equality is reached, I'll be glad to take the same break as my white colleagues in February," King said. "This is a driving force; an evolutionary process."

While African Americans have made great accomplishments in recent years, namely the double inauguration of President Obama, there have been multiple examples of black prejudice in the media.

In his "manifesto," Christopher Dorner cited racial prejudice within the LAPD as a major motivation for his murderous acts. Though the department claims that they have evolved from the days of beating Rodney King or inciting major riots, Dorner's mental breakdown may have more substance than the media portrays. His actions are unjustifiable by nature, but have prompted society to take a deeper look into the ways that racial abuse is still present. Some even support his ideologies.

Trayvon Martin's case showed the world that a hooded sweatshirt is more than an article of clothing. A two-year-old child was slapped in the face and struck with a racial slur on an airplane after reacting to high altitude like any toddler would; crying. In 2009 Henry Louis Gates was arrested after police responded to a reported burglary. Gates was attempting to gain entrance into his own house.

Some students feel that despite these contemporary issues, this tradition should no longer continue.

The debate opened with candidates listing their plans to enact change in Salisbury. Shields wished to work with businesses and local schools, specifying that she felt the Science, Technology, Engineering, Math Program is "something all children should be exposed to." Polk said revenue could be gotten using tourism, saying Salisbury was has unlimited potential due to its close location to Ocean City.

Shields said she felt some services were already being cut down, such as trash pickup.

"I know 'tax' is a bad word, but what is 'reality'? We want to hire thirty police officers, how are we going to pay for them?" Shields said.

When it came to the issue of making Salisbury a more business-friendly community, Campbell said that the permit application process is too bureaucratic.

"When a business first applies for a permit, it should be like their checking into a five-star hotel. It is not like that now," Campbell said.

"Salisbury is a diamond in the rough," Polk said. "Our waterfront and harbor could be the next Baltimore Inner Harbor. That could be us."

"We have to be a community that invests in itself," Day said. "We are currently not a community that does that."

Candidates were asked what they would do for students at SU. Polk said she wished to create programs, such as a possible chess tournament, and would like to have workshops regarding safety at the university.

Day said policies should apply to students the same way they apply to everyone and wished to create a student community council for them to have a voice. Heath wanted to involve students in the government and get positive word out about them, saying that they are "part of the solution, they are not always part of the problem."

One question posed that Salisbury's Council was associated with the response "No" and asked how to get to "Yes," which sitting council member Campbell claimed was false because the Council approved 70 out of 80 ordinances and 190 out of 200 resolutions it had.

Campbell went on to blame the local media for the Council's negative portrayal, adding that "one solution is for The Daily Times to get a little better at printing news."

Former member Shields, however, felt the Council had voted down some of the most important proposals, such as one for transitional housing, saying "I'm not a councilperson of 'no'."

Regarding crime, Campbell said that progress has been made with a great police chief and department, and said that the Council finally increased police salaries that were "18 percent underpaid."

Day wished to add thirty more officers and to look into "less lethal weapons." Heath said he felt an additional thirty officers would be extremely expensive and proposed technologies that could pinpoint crimes so police officers could almost "be there waiting."

Polk and Shields agreed that after school programs are the most effective way to reduce crime and should be invested in; Shields said she did not want

HOUSING

Gutoskey said, "Then you get sick or bomb a test, and you are looking at a C or a D."

Gutoskey said that of the 1,100 students that attend SU their freshman year, only about 50-60 percent will return for their sophomore year. The university's new requirement is intended to prioritize the freshmen in hopes that they will make their GPA a higher concern.

With a requirement of students living on campus for two years, living space for other students has become a rising issue. Traditionally non-freshmen residence halls, such as St. Martin's and Chesapeake will return to primarily sophomore housing; if the university has more beds than students in those residence halls, juniors and seniors will fill the space.

Sea Gull Square will prioritize sophomores and juniors, whereas UP will accommodate junior and senior students.

Upperclassmen students who are concerned about losing their on-campus living options to younger peers need not be too worried due to SU's Squatter's Rights.

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campus past their second year, there are still options.

We feel our responsibility is to prepare students for graduation, to live independently and pay their own bills," Gutoskey said.

"Upperclassmen do have an option to live on campus property in Sea Gull Square and University Park, but it's those two. We are able to offer students space. It just might not be the space they want."

The new two-year living mandate requires a restructuring of which students can live in certain campus properties. After construction is completed on the traditionally freshman dorms, St. Martin's and Chesapeake will return to primarily sophomore housing; if the university has more beds than students in those residence halls, juniors and seniors will fill the space.

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He is also targeting other important issues in his campaign for mayor, including the city's crime. While the crime rates have decreased a solid amount over the last few years, Albero says he wants to continue the good work of the Salisbury Police department, Wicomico County Sheriff's office, the Maryland State Police and the Wicomico County State's Attorney's office.

"I am, without a doubt, grateful for being chosen to receive this scholarship," she said.

With extra financial aid, students like Russo can begin to see their dreams become a reality.

"Studying abroad has been a dream of mine for over a year now, and I have worked hard to find scholarships to help lower my expenses for the program," Russo said.

"Winning the Sea Gull Century Scholarship has helped me move closer to my goal of studying abroad in Australia to study the sports industry."

He noted Salisbury must continue to implement the Safe Streets Plan, which has lowered

crime rates since it was introduced to Salisbury in 2010 by Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley. This Safe Streets Coalition institutes collaboration and information sharing across all levels of government in an aim to dramatically reduce crime.

By stressing the city's overall need for new businesses and economic expansion, Joe Albero will challenge Mayor Freton for his position, and the decision is in the hands of the Salisbury community, including students.

But will this affect student drinking patterns? Senior Anton Ivankov said he feels that not having to rely on transportation after a cou-

IRISH PENNY

"I have eaten there twice since it opened," junior Brittany Bishop said. "A friend told me to try it out, and it was the best Irish food I've ever had. I walked over after class one day with a couple friends, and we're planning to do the same next week."

Locating across from the SU campus seemed to be a smart call. Many students live off-campus, and choosing a place to eat while on campus involves what's most convenient.

"We also want to see a decline in property crimes," Albero said.

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"Walking home in the cold when I've been drinking is never on the top of my list," Ivankov said. "I had to walk from Brew River all the way to Camden Avenue, and that's a decision I'd rather never make again."

Walking home from The Irish Penny seems a lot more appealing."

Other students seem to agree.

"Many said they tried out the new restaurant simply because it was close to campus. The opening of The Irish Penny brought in many students because they saw it while walking to and from school."

Senior Kelly Cook said she is a big

fan, and plans to go there on St. Patrick's Day. The bar specials and Irish celebrations are bringing her back in to celebrate.

"I don't think I ever would have never noticed the bar if I didn't go there every day going to school," Cook said. "The fact that my house is about 15 minutes in walking distance from the place played a big factor in my choice to go there."

Owner Urban said the turnout has been pretty good so far. For St. Patrick's Day, he is planning on having live music and drink specials all day at The Irish Penny and welcomes everyone to come and join the celebration.

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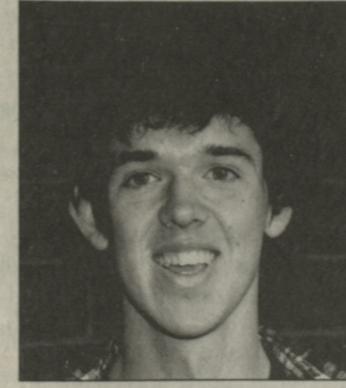


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Overheard: How do you feel about the proposed campus sustainability fee?



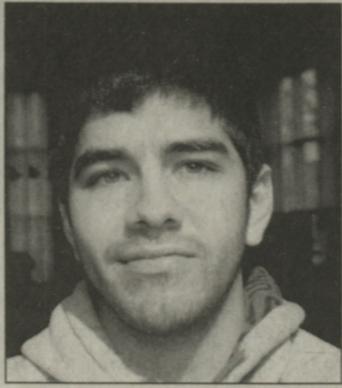
"It would be pretty sweet. Where else are they going to get the money?"

-Will Chandler, Freshman



"I'm impartial. It's \$4, you can give up a cup of coffee."

-Kristen Burns, Freshman



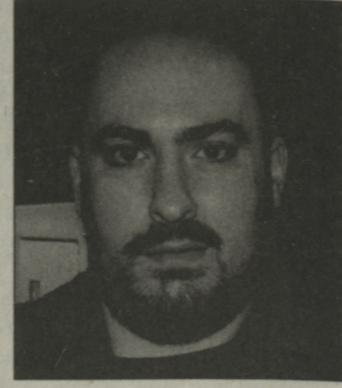
"I'm strongly for it, \$4 is not that much and we've already seen some great changes."

-Adrian Roman, Junior



"You probably spend \$50 a year on water bottles. Things like the new water fountains are much more economical for college students. I'm for it."

-Sam Greenberg, Senior



"I don't care. It'll help with recycling and keeping green. With tuition so high an extra \$8 a year won't break the bank."

-Sam Sanez, Senior

To see the full Overheard interviews visit our website at www.thesuflyer.com. For more information on the proposed campus sustainability fee read the follow up story in next week's issue of The Flyer.

How to break up with a best friend



BY LOUISA LAMB
Staff Writer

You can't break up with your best friend and expect them not to take it personally.

It's completely personal. It's hard to explain to someone that the feelings felt before have changed and you need space. It happens

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a reasonable way to end things. The benefit of being a student and trying to end a relationship is emphasizing the added stress of maintaining a relationship while being a student and suggesting some time apart to focus on school. Whether or not you get back together is flexible, but in order to preserve the friendship and restore it avoid making promises to that person.

When breaking up, it's important to be committed and not falter. To avoid losing you, they may attempt to seduce you, so avoid succumbing when your judgment tells you otherwise even if the sex is great.

Some friends are more understanding than others, and if the friendship is a strong and genuine one, they may take the news well and still be down for some break-up sex. Other times, if the person tries to lure you in with sex after erratically yelling and crying in attempts to make you stay, personal space is the best solution. In dysfunctional relationships, sex is often a powerful weapon used to manipulate others who can't recognize the potential threat.

If a relationship is so overwhelming that you find yourself constantly seeking advice from friends and/or bombing them with your issues, it's best to take some time and reflect on your relationship to decide whether or not it's best to keep dating.

Love complicates break-ups, but if the ratio of days crying to not crying is 5:1, there's clearly a problem. It's best to neutralize the situation by trying to break their heart as little as possible; reassure them that the dependency isn't a real problem.

When politicians, religious organizations and corporate America try to influence science to manipulate its results to match their desired outcomes, it puts the public in danger of succumbing to ignorance and essentially brainwashes America's students to believe a perversion of science, instead of the real science that truly conveys the complexities of the natural world.

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Our View

Leave science to the scientists, not the politicians

With Congressman Paul "evolution is lies straight from the pit of Hell" Broun announcing his candidacy for Georgia's United States Senate seat, it is necessary to address how dangerous it is for politicians to make science a partisan issue.

The relationship between politics and science should be a one-way street. Science should influence politics, not the other way around. Public policy on issues like global warming and evolution should be modeled on the overwhelming scientific consensus on the issues, not what politicians who have never stepped foot in a lab after high school think.

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When politicians and political commentators make science a partisan issue, they pick and choose the science that coincides with their be-

liefs while ignoring the rest of science. An example of this is conservative commentator Ann Coulter, who does not believe the extensive scientific studies and experiments affirming the existence of global warming and evolution but wants to see conclusive scientific evidence proving (to her) that homosexuality is not a "choice."

In an effort to promote their own agenda, politicians are convincing feel-good voters to question well-established scientific facts. And it's working. Take, for example, the process of evolution.

Charles Darwin's "The Origin of Species" was published in 1859, proposing the idea that because only the best members of a species survive, beneficial traits will become more common over time.

It's really not a difficult concept to grasp, and we've had over 150 years to do so.

Within that time laboratories across the United States have made remarkable discoveries in the field.

University of California biologist David Reznick has witnessed guppy populations evolve to match new environments within less than a decade. A

This is a serious problem, and if politicians don't stop playing on their supporters' beliefs, it's only going to get worse. America has become a nation where basic facts are up for debate.

That's not to say we should believe every scientific study that is published. That's what research is all about. But we need to educate ourselves before doing so. If you're going to question someone's research, don't do it simply because a politician or religious figure told you to.

Salisbury City Council Vice President Debbie Campbell asks for your vote this election day.

Letter to the Editor

As the Salisbury University Flyer is published on Tues., Feb. 26, students who read this and who are registered to vote in the City of Salisbury still have time to go to the polls to cast a ballot for their candidate of choice for Salisbury City Council seats. It will be important for students to cast informed votes and get the facts because, as often happens in Salisbury politics, special interests see students as an easy target for misinformation.

Over the years, it has been my privilege as your elected representative on the City Council to make progress on some of the issues of greatest concern to students. Here are just a few examples:

Crime: Safety is one of the top student issues – it's been mine, too. I have actively pursued greater safety for Salisbury, getting students engaged in the process. I worked with a former president of the Student Government Association to schedule student ride-alongs and neighborhood walks while we worked together on the Crime Task Force.

You are safer because I pushed for the reform of the police salary structure to retain experienced officers. As a result arrests of suspects in a murder in the Princeton Homes neighborhood near Bennett Middle School were made – the same suspects wanted in connection with the gunpoint robbery of SU students.

Student Pedestrian and Bike Safety: Safety also includes matters such as the Onley/Bateman intersection, changes to which

languished for years. We arrived at a solution that not only improved pedestrian safety, but one that included a partnership with SU, cost far less and was able to include bike lanes!

Safe and Affordable Housing: My efforts helped advance the City's first Tenants' Rights Lease Addendum so that every lease, verbal or written, would have this important notice to tenants of their rights and resources. If your new or renewing lease doesn't have it, please call the Neighborhood Services Department at (410) 341-9550 to report its absence.

Housing that is safe, code-compliant and affordable to students and others is another top issue. It's one in which I am a nationally recognized expert. I have advocated for affordable student housing and worked hard to promote policies that drive the development of high quality student housing. I also hosted two affordable housing workshops in Salisbury with state housing officials to foster affordable housing.

"We Love Salisbury," the Environment and Economy: Former SGA President Patrick Gotham and I were brainstorming one day on how to improve student-host town relations. Our idea took flight as the "We Love Salisbury" campaign that is still going strong today.

The Wicomico River is a source of identity, fun and commerce, so cleaning it up is important. I introduced the solution of storm water intake filters to protect the river.

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posal for traditional affordable housing on the river into an Artisans' residence, providing lower-income housing, economic redevelopment and arts support for our Downtown and entire city. I supported policies that enabled Evolution Brewery to repurpose a former ice plant building near Downtown and have been a strong supporter of developing strategies to encourage SU graduates to stay in Salisbury as innovators and entrepreneurs.

Making Innovation a Reality: Asking, "How can we achieve the best possible outcome?" has always been my approach, and it's one of the reasons I was named one of the Daily Record's "Top Innovators of 2011." My national exposure to "things that work" gives me insight into developing innovative strategies.

I hope you will check out my website, www.Campbell4Salisbury.com to learn more about innovative thinking and see links like www.UnreasonableAtSea.com, where young innovators like Daniel Epstein think way beyond "outside the box." I promise that you will be inspired by Daniel's endeavors!

I ask for your vote in the Feb. 26 primary and April 2 general elections. The District 2 polling place is Harvest Baptist Church at the corner of South Boulevard and Eastern Shore Drive, open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. If you have any questions, give me a call at 410-860-0893 or email me at debbiescampbell@comcast.net. Salisbury has incredible potential. Let's unlock it together!

**Debbie Campbell, Vice President
Salisbury City Council**

THE FLYER

EDITORIAL

Our advice to you: Tips from upperclassmen on stress management

BY TAYLOR COLBERT
Staff Writer

something because there was work I could do."

-Megan Hassan, Senior

Stress is a part of the college life. Everyone overestimates at some point, usually on a weekly basis. Whether you're stressing the night before a term paper is due, or stressing a week before you have an exam, it's bound to happen. One crucial part of being in college, though, is learning to deal with it. A few tips on managing stress:

"If I could go back and do something differently, I would stress less. I made myself believe that if I didn't get straight A's, I would not get into the nursing program. Although I don't believe I should have gone and partied three or more nights a week like everyone else, I do wish I would have spent more time not worrying. When I went out, I thought about what work I could be doing or I would turn down

• Make a schedule. Plan out your study time, but leave space to have a little fun, too.

• Work out or join a team. The physical activity will help you shake off the studying jitters, and the gym is a great place to meet people.

This is not to say that your life should be totally stress-free. Unfortunately, stress is a part of being a "big kid." There will always be a chapter to read, a paper to write or an exam to study for. But college is also one of the last chances we have to occasionally act like a kid, so make sure you take it.

Are you a junior or senior with some advice to give, or an underclassman with a question? Send Taylor an e-mail at tc27401@gulls.salisbury.edu.

Sequester threatens Head Start funding

BY TYLER GRAY
Staff Writer

There's no denying that education leads to a brighter and more successful future for not only the children that attend school, but also for the country as a whole.

The reputable education program "Head Start" is one way to allow young pre-kindergarten kids to begin their schooling before they start elementary school. The program also benefits families by allowing lower-income families with children to advance further in their own lives and careers while their children are learning how to read, write and do arithmetic from high-quality educators before they are even allowed to attend school.

This program is heavily pushed by President Barack Obama, who pointed out to critics of the program that children who are involved in the Head Start program grow up more likely to read and do math at or above grade level, graduate high school, hold a job and form more stable families of their own.

In fact, President Obama claims he wants to expand the Head Start program to more children all over America.

Is it fair to label fantasy art as fine art?

BY ASHA AZARIAH-KRIBBS
Staff Writer

What is fine art? Merriam-Webster defines it as "art concerned primarily with the creation of beautiful objects." But surely there is more to that than meets the eye.

Visit the National Gallery of Art in D.C. and discover rich portraits and lush landscapes, paintings and sculptures that range from the most from the most charming simplicity to the splendid complexity.

There is no doubt these are "beautiful objects." They deserve their place of honor, for from child to adult they delight and found us all.

Yet there is something missing. The tradition of fantasy art as a genre is a venerable one. Usually confined to children's books, particularly fairy and folktales, fantasy art is unrecognizable in prestigious museums and galleries. It is on the fringe, appreciated but unacclaimed.

Why should this be? Instinct would suggest there is a certain quality lacking in fantasy art that is present in more celebrated disciplines. Perhaps this is true. The distinction cannot be found in talent or dismissiveness of beauty, for there is no mistaking the skill in Michael Whelan's

as a wildflower and pursues the subject to a higher course, allowing what could be seen as a common and small delight to become an uncommon, overwhelming source of the fantastic and free.

And here again is the point. Why are certain art genres less respected than others? When will this barrier be overcome, so the internet is not the only source of seeing these wonderful fantasy drawings, and that at the length and width of a postage stamp? If it is said that fantasy art lacks honesty in the realism and imagery upon simple objects found in everyday life and turns them into something extraordinary.

Fantasy art is a genre that is often confused with the art of the imagination. They look as if they are one with their environment in color as well as shape, these strange beings made up of brambles, flowers, and a healthy smack of raw earth, if not in fact then at least in spirit and style.

According to the source you used, neighborhoodscout.com, Salisbury's violent crime rate is 12.76 annual crimes per 1,000 residents, which is far more than the national median of 3.9.

Neighborhoodscout.com, however is a poor source. The crime rate calculation they use includes most of Wicomico County, including Delmar, Willards and Bivalve; all communities most would not associate as being part of Salisbury. In addition, neighborhoodscout.com also only lists calls for service in Wicomico County, while the national statistics are calculated using reported crime. The Salisbury Police department and Wicomico County Sheriff's Office have every statistic imaginable online for free, as does the Federal Bureau of Investigation. These are the

Letter to the Editor

In response to the article "Hoax proves severity of SU crime problem" published in the Feb. 19 issue of The Flyer.

I have a major problem with the article printed on the front page of The Flyer last week.

Last week The Flyer placed an article about SU's crime problem on the front page. While I am not refuting the fact that Salisbury does have a crime problem, I would like to point out a few major issues and generalizations that are found in this article. These issues should have taken the article out of the paper and into the garbage bin.

First is the issue of titling the large graphic on the front page "Crime Rates." This chart is not about crime rates, it is the distribution of crimes committed in Salisbury versus the distribution nationally. A crime rate is the number of crimes committed per person. The difference is huge. The distribution only specifies what crime a victim of a crime is most likely to be a victim of. A crime rate is the likelihood anyone will be a victim done without addressing this issue.

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Neighborhoodscout.com, however is a poor source. The crime rate calculation they use includes most of Wicomico County, including Delmar, Willards and Bivalve; all communities most would not associate as being part of Salisbury. In addition, neighborhoodscout.com also only lists calls for service in Wicomico County, while the national statistics are calculated using reported crime.

The Salisbury Police department and Wicomico County Sheriff's Office have every statistic imaginable online for free, as does the Federal Bureau of Investigation. These are the

reliable sources that should be used when determining crime rates.

Salisbury's crime rate is also easily skewed because of the bizarre municipal boundaries that often exclude some of the safest communities in the Salisbury area. Most of Riverside Drive, for example, is outside of the city limits, yet rougher neighborhoods are completely within the city limits. These geographical issues are often overlooked. A fair analysis of crime in what most students and residents call "Salisbury" cannot be done without addressing this issue.

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Dining Review

PAT'S PIZZA

RACHEL THURMAN
Staff Writer

In 1974 the first Pat's pizza was opened in New Jersey. Since then, Pat's has expanded to three other states and continues to grow.

There are many pizza places in Salisbury, but this week I decided to try Pat's because it is so close and right across from campus. They promise to be "fresh and delicious" with "homemade dough made fresh daily."

Walking in, it looks like a casual pizza place. I ordered at the register and a waitress brought my food to me at a table. The restaurant was not very busy, so

it didn't take very long to get my food.

The menu features pasta, wings, burgers, subs, sandwiches, wraps and of course, pizza. I ordered a pepperoni pizza, french fries and a hamburger. It was a lot of food, but I wanted to sample a few things.

The pizza came out hot and tasted fresh but unfortunately, it was nothing special. It tasted like an average pizza, but it

was too greasy. I ended up blotting a slice of pizza with at least two napkins. The french fries were greasy as well, and they seemed a bit soggy. I was left unimpressed. The hamburger was good, but it wasn't one of

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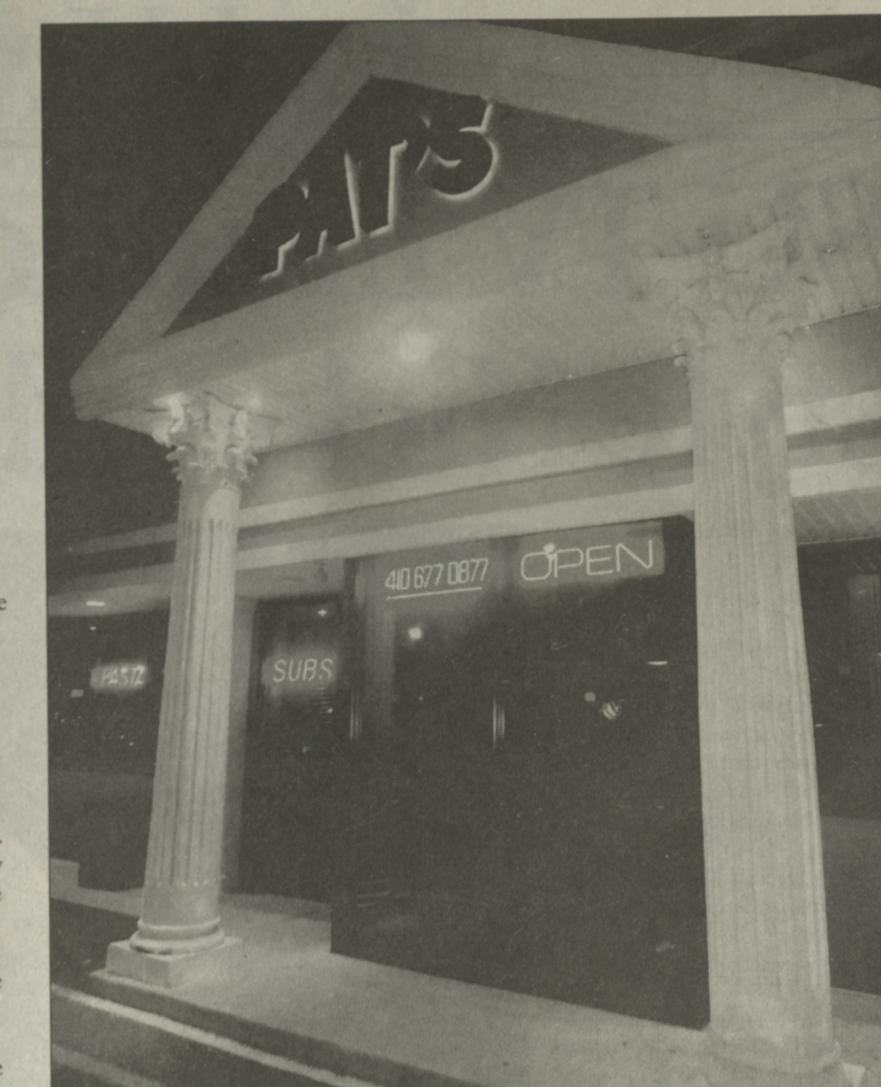


Photo by Rachel Thurman
Local Restaurant Pat's Pizzeria has great service but average food.

Seniors prepare one-act shows

BY JASMINE CLAY
Staff Writer

Almost every child has grown up alongside the lovable characters on Sesame Street. But what if there was more to the story, and the humans in the show weren't there by choice?

Senior communications major and theatre minor Reed DeLisle will explore this dark comedy about Muppets and retaliation in "A Rough Day on the Street."

DeLisle is directing the play as part of the Salisbury University Theatre Department's one act performances, which are set to open this spring. The program will be co-led by senior theatre major Michael Windsor, who is directing "Seven Menus," a look at the evolution of relationships.

"Seven Menus" features a group of friends examining how their relationships change over the course of several different meals. Windsor describes the play as subtle comedy featuring a modern and simple set to emphasize the acting.

Windsor, who has starred in several SU productions, said he gladly accepted the invitation from the theatre club to direct the performance after taking a directing class with Professor Robert Smith.

"It's nice to be a leader, to create my vision and have younger people look to me for guidance," Windsor said. "I'm extremely happy with the cast...it's a fun, eclectic group of people."

Windsor said he is looking forward to

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nary person or persons who find their simple lives turned upside down by a close encounter with the surreal or supernatural.

One of the best examples of this topsy-turvy aspect of "Twilight Zone" is found in the episode "Nightmare at 20,000 Feet." Starring William Shatner in the lead role, it relates what could be either a complete loss of sanity or newfound self-possessing for an average, middle-aged man recovering from a nervous breakdown, now face to face with an evil-purposed gremlin during a dreaded flight home.

"Living Doll" is a glimpse into the trauma of domestic violence. If there is nothing extraordinary in its theme, "Doll" is surely one of "Twilight Zone's" most terrifying episodes.

"Living Doll" is a study in plot twists, trap doors, and the fine print in a contract for your soul. Steered by Serling's dry, ironic wit, it's just that tight corner you're more than happy to squeeze out of alive.

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that might terrify the long list of possessed playthings before or after her.

Of course, "Twilight Zone" isn't all perfection. Like any television series, it has its lapses into failure and mediocrities. "Kick the Can," a nostalgic reflection on youth and lost childhood, has the extreme reverse of its intended "Neverland" effect. By the time the episode ends it feels as if an age has passed and there is energy left only for a long and very welcome nap.

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Netflix Picks: The Twilight Zone

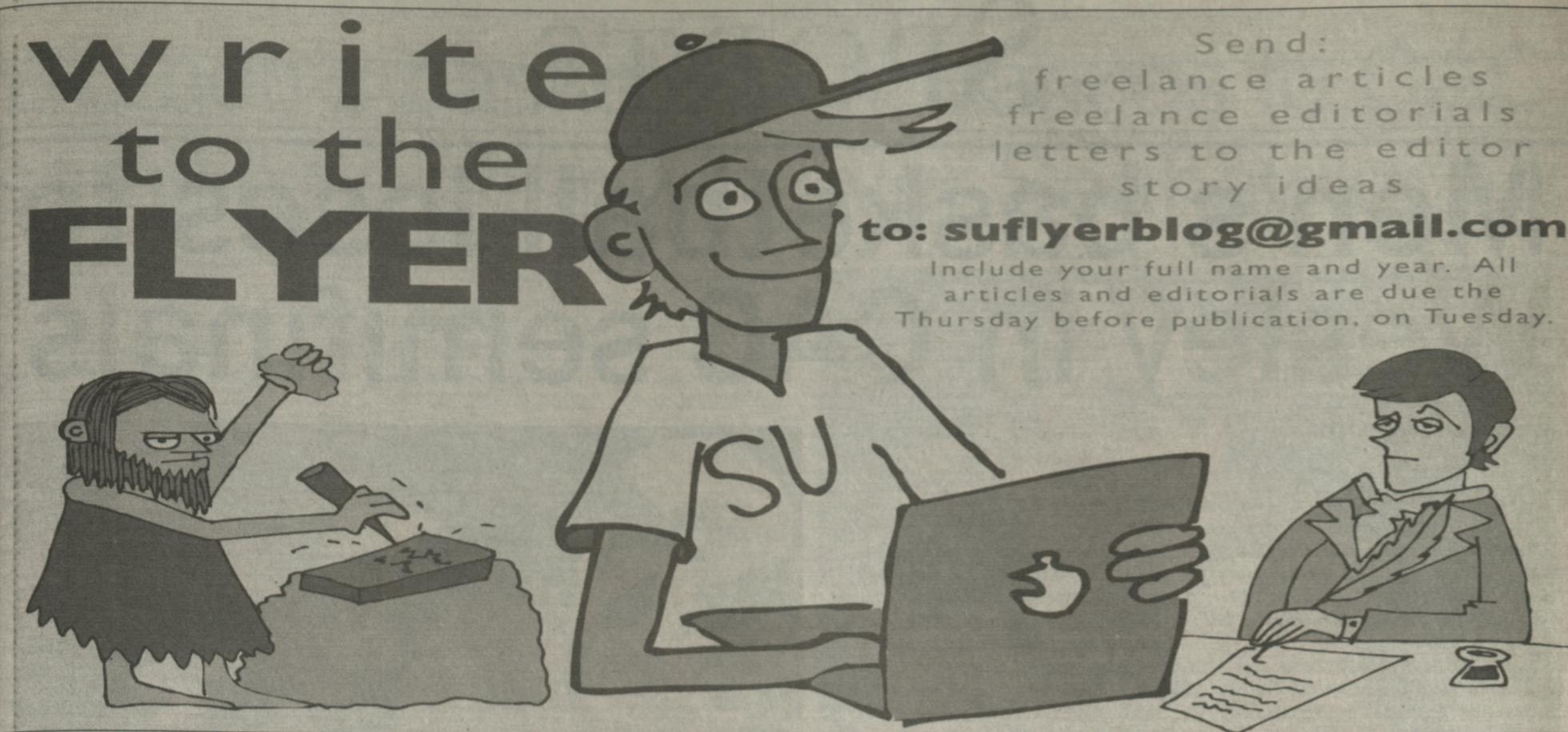
BY ASHA AZARIAH-
KRIBBS
Staff Writer

If it's not in color, don't watch it.

General opinion has it that any film or television series over 40 years old is probably a bit of a bummer. It is true that "The Andy Griffith Show" lacks the wrenching angst or hip cynicism of modern family television, and "Gilligan's Island" is a far cry from "Lost." But for those who can see past old-world idiosyncrasies to the imaginative talent that make them worthwhile, "The Twilight Zone" is required watching for any devotee of science fiction or horror.

Hosted and conceptualized by Rod Serling, "The Twilight Zone" is a late '50s early '60s television show made up of twenty-minute standalone episodes. Each episode usually centers on an ordi-

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Men's basketball loses to Wesley in CAC semifinals

BY AMY MCFARLAND

Staff Writer

Salisbury University Men's Basketball fell in the Capital Athletic Conference Semifinals Thursday at Wesley College with a final score of 73-66. Salisbury (19-8) tried to come back from a 14 point gap with less than 8 minutes left in the game, but was unsuccessful.

The game started out promising within the first minute as the Gulls threatened with a team offensive rebound leading to a three-point jump shot by senior Elijah Gore assisted by junior guard Tim Harwood. The Wolverines fought back with a turnover and took control of the score, earning nine points for a Wesley lead of 9-3. Senior Travor Vann would not allow Wesley to enjoy its lead for long though, tightening the gap at 9-8 with two free throws and a three point jump shot.

Wesley's Brandin Youngblood responded with a jump shot, assisted by David Langan to increase their lead to 11-8 with 14:38 left in the half. Gore managed to tie it up with another three-point jump shot, following with another three-point jump shot for a score of 13-13. The Wolverines responded with a defensive rebound leading to a jump shot, but Gore came through again with a three point jump shot assisted by freshman forward Luke Ruland for a Gulls' lead of 16-15 at 12:24.

After a missed SU shot and some



Photo by Kevin Cunningham
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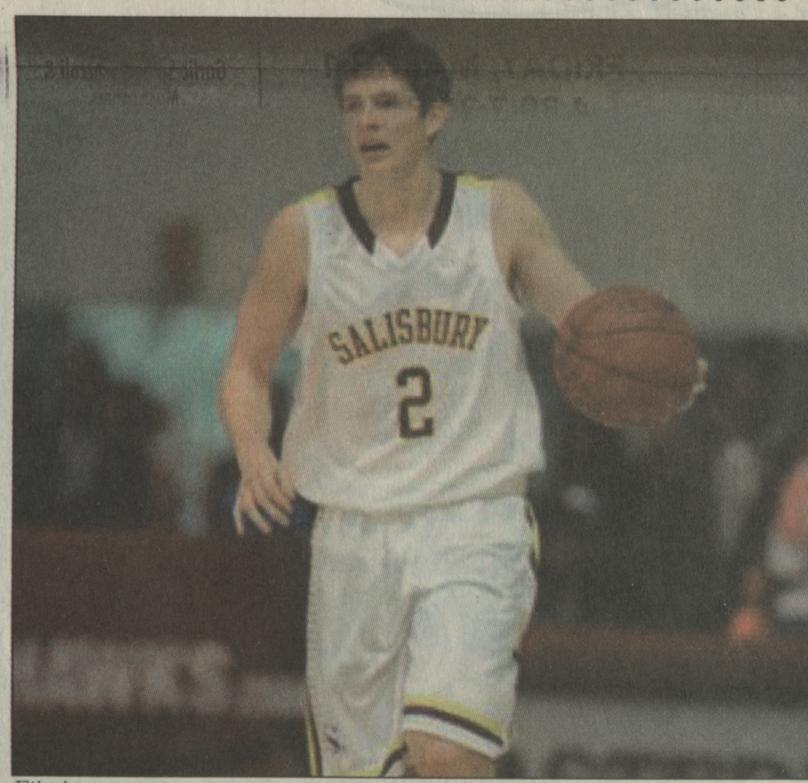
land and Vann, Salisbury trailed 67-59. Although Wesley lead 69-63 with just 28 seconds left, Vann threatened with an unassisted three point jump shot. Even with Vann's efforts the Wolverines controlled the last seconds of the game, closing the score at 73-66. Vann fin-

ished with 24 points, six rebounds and three steals while Gore and Harwood totaled 13 and 12 points.

Salisbury must now wait and hope for an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament. Results will be released at a later date.

Athlete Spotlight

Tim Harwood



File photo

BY DAVID CABRERA

Staff Writer

Salisbury University's basketball team found themselves back in the Capital Athletic Conference tournament after a one year absence.

The Sea Gulls finished the 2012-13 regular season with an 18-7 (9-3) record and a third overall seed in the tournament. They made it all the way to the semifinals before losing to Wesley Thursday, Feb. 21, 73-66.

Junior guard Tim Harwood has been a key player in the Sea Gulls success this season, finishing second on the team in points per game.

He played his best game of the season against that same Wesley team to end the regular season, scoring a season high 30 points in an 83-78 double overtime victory. The Physical Education major took some time to answer some questions from The Flyer before the playoffs began.

You guys have obviously had a great season thus far. What were some of the team expectations coming into this season, some expectations you had for yourself?

"Well, we wanted to make the CAC tournament because we missed it last year. To go from seventh place to third place in the conference in Coach Joshua Merkel's second year is a huge jump. We wanted to win the CAC championship and make the NCAA tournament. As far as goals for myself, I just wanted to help the team, do whatever I had to do to help them win games."

You had had a pretty good season. You were second on the team in scoring. Could you talk about the adjustments you made from last year to better your game?

"In the offseason I did shooting workouts almost every day and lifted. Having Travor Vann, senior guard to give you the ball on offense is a plus."

Some players have their superstitions, do you

have any?

"I am not a very superstitious person. I like to stay loose, joke around before the game."

Getting away from the basketball questions, what do you do during your downtime, if you have any?

"Just watching TV and movies; napping is great too. I like to watch 'The Office' and 'Friends,' mostly the reruns they play on TV."

Who were your favorite players growing up?

"I used to watch J.J. Redick when he was with Duke. Love Tim Duncan. Started liking him because my dad is a San Antonio Spurs fan, and he has the same name as me. I like the way he plays the game."

What is your favorite vacation spot?

"My favorite spot would have to be Emerald Isle, N.C. It is a nice little beach town with a great beach that isn't too crowded."

What do you want to do with your major after you graduate?

"After college I either want to be a college basketball coach, a high school basketball coach or a physical education teacher."

When you go out there before a game, especially now with the playoffs coming up, what are you feeling before the game?

"When I walk out onto the gym and onto that court, I get some butterflies. I just can't wait for the game to start."

Baseball team shows skill in defeat of Wesleyan

BY DILLON KENNEDY

Staff Writer

The combination of strong pitching and hot bats allowed for the Salisbury University baseball team to enjoy dominating victory over Virginia Wesleyan.

Senior Andrew Levy orchestrated a masterful performance on the mound, pitching seven 2/3 scoreless innings. Levy seemed to be in cruise control the whole game as he allowed only one hit while striking out four.

Salisbury would complement their pitchers dominance with plenty of run support throughout the game. Despite having only one extra base hit, Salisbury was able to manufacture nine runs through 13 singles and nine walks.

After a scoreless first inning, Salisbury registered two runs in the second in what proved to be a tone-setter for the rest of the game. With the bases loaded and two outs, junior center fielder Bill Root slapped a single into left centerfield scoring 2.

After a quick Wesleyan three and out, junior infielder Quinn Griffith, who tallied a game high of 3 hits, led off the third with a powerful double to left center. Junior shortstop Ken O'Neill singled on the very next at bat, scoring Griffith and extending the lead to three. Salisbury would add another before the inning was over confirming that the rout was on as they took a commanding 4-0 lead into the bottom of the third.

Virginia Wesleyan was unable to mount any sort of offensive production throughout the game going three-up three-down in six of nine innings. They were only able to put three men on base the entire game displaying a .069 combined batting average.

With their opponent's faltering at the plate, Salisbury showed great poise in manufacturing great at bats culminating in an outstanding .578 on base percentage for the game. Salisbury had five players with at least two hits while Virginia Wesleyan only managed three for the game.

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SPORTS

Women's basketball advances to CAC semifinals after win over Seahawks

BY DILLON KENNEDY

Staff Writer

Riding a four game win streak into the Capital Athletic Conference tournament, the Salisbury Women's basketball team kept their momentum alive with a win over the visiting St. Mary's Seahawks.

After a highly competitive and closely contested first half, the gulls would go on to dominate the second half en

route to a 54-44 victory.

The game got off to a sluggish start with both teams combining for just 11 points in the first five minutes. The team's cold start didn't seem to affect freshman Julia McLaughlin who accounted for 7 of the gulls first 9 points.

The intensity of the game picked up quickly with both teams hounding each other dur-

sively and defensively with neither team able to distance themselves from one another.

With 11 minutes to play and the score tied at 36, sophomore Anna Hackett took complete control of the game.

Displaying a lethal combination of speed and ball control, Hackett continually got to the basket at will, forcing an exaggerated St. Mary's defense to

foul her as their only means of stopping her. Hackett shot perfectly from the line, hitting all 10 of her attempts on her way to a game high 20 points along with 7 assists.

Led by Hackett and McLaughlin, Salisbury would go on a 6-0 run to go up by 9, a lead they would never relinquish.

"We were playing too timid throughout the game. We really took it to them in the second half and were able to walk away with the win."

-Coach

Lewandowski



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Sophomore point guard Maggie King looks for an open lane as she passes the ball.

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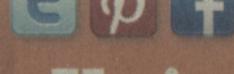
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